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The KCDP did receive cash donations for Obama merchandise that the KCDP bought and then had at our headquarters where people gave suggested donations for merchandise that included – T-shirts, bumper stickers, buttons and yard signs. All cash proceeds were for merchandise. We will re-file an amendment to our report to correct any errors if we need to.

By federal law, once we surpassed the threshold of \$5,000 in merchandise we had to file for FEC status. We have no intention of keeping this account, as we do not have the resources to keep it active. We are a volunteer organization and do not have paid staff.

We did not collect data from people, as everything was either \$10 for T-shirts, \$5 for yard signs, \$3 for buttons and \$1 for bumper stickers.

We are not required to collect data of people on amounts less than \$50, and we did not. We did give the \$5000 out of these funds to Cooney for Congress which is the maximum amount allowed. We correctly noted that in our report.

We will cooperate in any way we can and look forward to working with you to answer any unresolved issues. For your information; we have begun the process of closing our federal account.

Thank you,

David Pawloski, Chair
Kalamazoo County Democratic Party

cc: Carolyn Cardwell



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